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NINTA VALJUGUI

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"I think she is the most beautiful woman that I have ever seen," I said to Stephen Northfield, in a burst of enthusiasm, amid the volume of hand-clapping that followed the last note of Ninta Valjugui's solo.

"Umph," grunted Norned, as he shrugged his shoulders. He was the only person that I could see, in the whole of that packed house, that was not clapping.

"I have never heard her equal," I continued.

"Umph, do you think so? Maybe you have not heard or seen many?" he suggested.

"Nonsense, man! Has she not had New York at her feet, completely captivated, for the past two seasons?" I argued. For I was an ardent admirer of the bewitching Mexican soprano who had astonished the musical world with her unprecedented rise to fame. Newspapers exploited her, hardly a week passing without her picture appearing in some edition; artists vied with one another in the attempt to induce her to pose for them; musicians raved over her. In three years from some insignificant Mexican bar-room stage she had risen to be the sensation of Broadway. A star that blinded the eyes of those who saw, a voice that drove into ecstasies those who heard; such was Ninta Valjugui. I felt disappointed with Stephen for his lack of enthusiasm. I thought that it showed an uneducated taste.

The applause increased like near-thunder as she left the wings and acknowledged it with many bows and smiles; smiles that displayed her even teeth of ivory whiteness.

We left the theater, which was pouring its charge of humanity out upon two streets under the glare of a score of arc lights, and sought a nearby cafe.

For some time we sat in silence sipping our "Yovette." The charm of Valjugui was still upon me. I sat thus, in delightful contemplation, with half-closed eyes, rehearsing inwardly what I had heard and seen. I awoke from this dreamy state to hear Northfield saying:

"I can go to Mexico and buy you her equal for \$20." This superficial rudeness aroused me to make retort, which I did, with more or less warmth.

"Why don't you do it; fame and fortune await you if you can?"

"Umph, unsophisticated man!" he said, disdainfully, shrugging his shoulders (I hated that action). "I lived in Mexico for three years, you know, and had ample time to study them. Does the reason suit you?" he asked.

"No, it does not," I answered, curiously. "Be more explicit."

"Well," he continued, "I remember the case of one of those little Mexican bar-room singers; it will serve as a good example and make clear my meaning." Selecting a cigarette, he lit it, and commenced the narrative.

"I had taken up my residence in a delightful country place just outside of the City of Mexico.

"I had a small library of the authors that I liked, a good piano and a gem of a valet, a queer mixture of Japanese and Mexican, but a handsome, attractive and intelligent man. Thus, you see, I was surrounded by the things that I appreciate and care for. A few friends were all that was necessary to complete my happy circle, and these I soon formed.

"Among those that I formed was a young American, similarly situated to myself. I had become very much attached to him, and it is of him and his experience with one of those singers that I am about to tell you.

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Special prices in Pillow Case Muslin, Pillow Tubings, Tickings, &c.

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Not likely to be many of these later on, so if you want a pretty Summer Dress at an unequalled saving, better hurry your selection.

Women's and Misses' fine Lingerie Dresses, in White and high colors, made with high neck and long sleeves, good styles, values \$3 to \$7.50.

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clearance sale price. \$4.75

Fine Lawn Dresses, made of good quality striped Lawn, in Pink, Blue and Black, very latest styles, all sizes.

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Fine Summer Dresses, made of border-tissue and all-over embroidery, very new and stylish, value \$8.50.

clearance sale price. \$6.50

High-class Dresses, made of fine Voile, lace-embroidered and trimmed with real Cluny Laces, White with coral and Copenhagen embroidery work, \$25 values.

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Fine Silk Dresses, made up in the very latest styles, in plain and striped Taffetas and Messalines, colors Blue, Green, Brown and Tan, values up to \$15.00.

clearance sale price. \$9.85

One lot of plain Messaline and Taffeta Dresses, in most of the desirable shades, trimmed in heavy braiding. The Dresses sold for \$18.

clearance sale price. \$12.50

Fancy house dresses, made with square neck, short sleeves, button front, neat check Ginghams, values up to \$3.50.

clearance sale price. \$1.98

Muslin Underwear Reduced

Dainty Undermuslins—all fresh and new—at a great sacrifice. It will be worth your while to lay in a supply.

Women's fine Muslin Skirts, made of good Muslin, trimmed with wide Embroidery, values up to \$20.

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One lot of Princess Slips, made of finest Nainsook, highly trimmed with Val Lace and Insertion; values up to \$2.50.

clearance sale price. \$1.50

Women's fine Embroidery-trimmed Drawers, full cut, trimmed with tucks and 5-inch Ruffle of Embroidery.

clearance sale price. 25c

Women's fine Drawers, trimmed with 4 to 5-inch Embroidery Ruffle and small tucks, full cut, fine muslin, value 30c.

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Women's 25c and 35c Corset Covers, made of fine Muslin, trimmed with Embroidery and Lace, all sizes.

clearance sale price. 19c

Women's fine Corset Covers, made of Long Cloth, highly trimmed in dainty Laces, values up to 75c.

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Wash Goods

From the cheapest fabrics to the highest grade novelties, suffer a like fate in our determined effort to force a quick-moving-out of all wash fabrics.

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Fine Egyptian Tissues, Silk and Zephyr Ginghams, in a big range of desirable patterns; all 25c sellers.

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Chiffonette, a fine sheer fabric, in very neat, stylish patterns, 20c value.

clearance sale price per yd. 12 1/2c

Cotton Foulards, very new and very desirable; they come in a beautiful range of Foulard patterns and have a glossy, satin-like finish; values up to 25c.

clearance sale price per yd. 15c

Silk-striped Voiles and Marquisettes, in all the leading colors, very new and desirable, 50c value.

clearance sale price per yd. 37 1/2c

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Half-Linen Unbleached Toweling, 18 inches wide and good weight, value 8 1/2c.

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clearance sale price per yd. 9c

Fine Bleached Toweling, all Linen, colored borders, full 17 inches wide, 12 1/2c value.

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Women's and Misses' Tailored Suits, Spring models, fine material, splendid tailoring, all shades and sizes in the lot, \$20, \$25 and \$30 values.

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Women's Linnen Coats, made in the prevailing styles, with wide collars; coat collar and military collars; values from \$7.50 to \$10.

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Women's and Misses' All-Linen Suits, well made and trimmed with heavy Linen Embroidery; \$10 and \$12.50 values.

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Women's heavy shrunk Cotton Suits, in stripes and plain colors; only about a dozen in this lot (odds and ends), some slightly soiled; values up to \$6.

clearance sale price. \$2.50

Rugs and Draperies Marked Down

Home needs are not neglected at this big sale. Here are floor coverings, Draperies and Curtains at big savings.

9x11 ft. Velvet Rugs, in floral and Oriental patterns (only 4 Rugs in this lot), Red, Tan and Green.

clearance sale price each \$10.50

9x12 ft. seamless Tapestry Rugs, heavy 9-wire grade, in new Fall patterns, \$16.50 values.

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9x12 ft. heavy Axminster Rugs, in floral and Oriental patterns, colorings Tan and Green (9 Rugs in this lot).

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11-3x12 ft. heavy Axminster Rugs, in two patterns, conventional and floral, \$30 values.

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One lot of reversible Smyrna Rugs, size 36x 60 inches, including fringe, \$1.25 value.

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